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1. POST MOST APPRECIATIVE OF DEPARTMENTS ASSISTANCE TO MAKE SECRETARY'S VISIT A SUCCESSFUL ONE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE TO ENABLE HOST GOVERNMENT TO MAKE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. HOST GOVERNMENT NEEDS LIST OF SECRETARY'S PARTY TO MAKE USUAL ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS GO SMOOTHLY. HOST GOVERNMENT NEEDS CONFIRMATION ETA AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE. POST CONTROL OFFICER MET WITH SYRIAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE, MR MUSBAH DALATI, TODAY, FEB 23, AND THE PARTY LIST WAS UPPERMOST IN SYRIAN'S MIND.

3. REFTEL A, PARA 4 F: SARG REPRESENTATIVE WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT AIRCRAFT CREW AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM. WHEN POSSIBLE PLEASE ADVISE POST IF ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE QTE VIA MILITARY CHANNELS UNQTE (REFTEL A) OR IF SARG WILL HANDLE. THIS BECOMES A SLIGHT PROBLEM AS AVAILABLE HOTEL SPACE IS NOW ALMOST NIL AND ONLY SARG CAN GET ROOMS.

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